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PRIORITY ENCODING IN A SEGMENTED
CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM USING ENABLE
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 24, 2005 (the "Office Action"), applicant has enclosed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 herewith. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the finality of the Office Action be withdrawn and that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

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